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BROOKS ANNOUNCES COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Monroe County Executive **Maggie Brooks** today announced that the Monroe County Environmental Management Council (EMC) is sponsoring the 2005 Environmental Photography Competition and Show. This year's competition is entitled "Capturing Monroe County's Environmental Treasures."

"We are pleased to announce the 2005 Environmental Photography Competition and Show. This is an exciting opportunity for local residents to play a role in promoting and showcasing the many unique natural resources and environmental treasures we have throughout our community," said Monroe County Executive **Maggie Brooks**. *"I encourage individuals to participate in the competition and support our ongoing efforts to protect the environment and ensure its preservation for future generations."*

The competition is open to amateur photographers only. Photographs must be taken in Monroe County. Entrants need to complete an entry form, available on the Monroe County website at www.monroecounty.gov or by calling the EMC office at (585) 274-8063.

"This photography competition is, in many ways, a celebration of our community. It is also a recognition of the EMC's efforts to protect and enhance our environment," **Brooks** added.

The judges for the 2005 competition are **Andy Olenick**, a commercial photographer whose work has been featured in *Erie Canal Legacy*; **Peter Marr**, a local wildlife photographer; and **John Retallack**, Professor of Photography at Rochester Institute of Technology.

Entries will be accepted in three subject categories – Wild animals, Plantlife, and Landscape. There are three competition levels – Youth 14 and under, Novice, and Advanced.

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Each entrant may submit up to three unframed and unmatted photographs. Photos may be color or black and white and must be no larger than 5x7 inches or no smaller than 3x5 inches.

Entries must be postmarked by August 17, 2005 or received at the EMC office at 111 Westfall Road by August 19, 2005.

Determination and notification of winners and runners-up will be made on August 30, 2005. An awards reception will be held on September 21, 2005 at the County Office Building.

Winning photographs (Best of Show, First Place, Second Place, and Honorable Mentions) will be displayed at various locations throughout the community. Award recipients will also have the option of selling their photographs to interested buyers.

The Monroe County Environmental Management Council (EMC) is part of the Monroe County Department of Public Health. The mission of the EMC is to be a public source of information on environmental issues. The Council uses its expertise to develop sound solutions to preserve and protect the rich and diverse environment in Monroe County. The EMC also serves in an advisory capacity to various governmental agencies and works closely with the public on many environmental issues.

For further information on the photography competition, individuals should contact Louise Hartshorn of the EMC at (585) 274-8063 or visit www.monroecounty.gov.

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